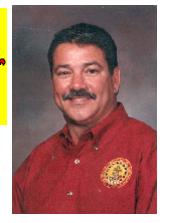
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**NEWSLETTER** 

#### NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Greetings,

On behalf of the Tribal Council, I first want to wish everyone a very blessed holiday season. It is truly the season to visit with friends and family and give thanks for those gifts we all receive, our health, happiness and prosperity.

I always give pause at this time of the year to reflect on the good things happening for our people. Even in the wake of disasters such as Hurricanes and the threat of war, we find ourselves prospering in all areas. We were indeed fortunate that Hurricane Lili did not hit us with the force it could have. Divine intervention, I say.

Our holiday newsletter comes to you after an obvious absence in the last two months, mainly due to the level of activities recovering from the Hurricane and getting about the business of closing out the year end budgets. We have now successfully accomplished the process of budgeting for fiscal year 2003 and have again managed to hold the line on spending while continuing to offer services second to none. We're proud of that fact and the Tribal Council spends many hours monitoring each and every program to assure optimum service levels.

In this past year we've seen progress in our Raintree Village project as well. As you read this we will have signed a contract with Manuel Builders to construct the first phase of homes in Raintree Village. Construction of the first 3 model homes is scheduled to begin in January, along with 6 more simultaneously, some of which are already sold. We have also signed a lease with the First National Bank of Jeanerette to occupy a branch bank building, which we will build. This marks the beginning of the much anticipated construction phase and occupation of our Raintree Village. Just as a side note, we will also be turning on the lights of Ralph Darden Memorial Parkway the second week of December.

In closing this month I would like to announce that the date has been set for our annual financial audit meeting, that being January 25<sup>th</sup>. Please make a note of it and try to attend. As always, this is the time to catch up on the financial health of our great Nation. And finally, on behalf of the entire Tribal Council let me wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Until next time, Huya Nito

## **Resolutions for the Month of September**

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#52/02	Land Lease for Burton P. Broussard.				
#53/02	Authorizes Toby to apply with the Housing and Urban Development, through its imminent threat program, for the remainder of the funding to complete the Main Water Supply Line.				
Resolutions for the Month of October					
#54/02	Authorizes Toby to submit an IHS Special Diabetes Program for Indians Fiscal Year 2003, the 6 <sup>th</sup> Year Continuation Grant application to The United South and Eastern Tribes requesting funds to implement the Special Diabetes Program project for the performance period October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003 and to sign any and all applicable documentation.				
#55/02	Renews the Tribe's Attorney's Contract with the firm of Roth VanAmberg, Rogers, Ortiz, Fairbanks & Yepa, LLP.				
#56/02	Authorizes Toby to enter into a contractual agreement with Archie Thibodeaux Company, Inc., for the purpose of construction of the Drainage Maintenance Program for drainage excavation and culvert cleanout.				
#57/02	Agreement with Manuel Builders, LLC, for the purpose of developing Silver Creek Subdivision, Phase I, in Raintree Village.				
#58/02	Authorizes the formation of the Raintree Village Homeowners Association.				
#59/02	Authorizes the Chairman to enter into a lease agreement with the First National Bank of Jeanerette, for the purpose of leasing a bank building and site in Raintree Village Town Center.				
#60/02	Authorizes the Chairman to grant twenty (20) by twenty (20) foot parcel of land for a lift station to the St. Mary Parish Sewerage District No. 9 in consideration of the price and sum of \$10.00.				
#61/02	Authorizes Toby to submit a Consolidated Tribal Government Program proposal for Fiscal Year 2003, being the second of a three year contract, to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and to negotiate and sign any and all documentation pertaining to this contract.				
#62/02	Programmatic Agreement Among The Louisiana Army National Guard, The Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas, The Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma, The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, The Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, The Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, The Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana, The Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer, The Louisiana State Archaeologist and The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding Undertakings that May Affect Historic Properties.				
#63/02	The Tribal Council accepts and approves the Plan of Land showing Silver Creek Subdivision, a phase of Raintree Village Development, for use, public and private, as deemed necessary for purposes related to the Raintree Development Project, and authorizes the Chairman to sign the Plan of Land.				
Resolutions for the Month of November					
#64/02	Implements the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Raintree Village Homeowners Association.				
#65/02	Terminates any and all affiliation of The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana with the Charenton-Chitimacha Volunteer Fire Department.				

#### TRIBAL COURT NEWS

#### **CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:**

#### **OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER:** (Combined)

**CASES:** (30)

**19 Civil Actions** (17 Garnishments/1 Petition for Damages/1 Judgment Debtor Rule)

3 Traffic (3 Civil Infraction)

**4 Domestic** (3 Petitions for Disbursement of Funds/ 1 Petition for Divorce); and

4 Juvenile

#### **MORTGAGES AND LIENS:** (19)

(Assignments)

TOTAL ACTIONS PROCESSED
IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 2002
(49)

#### CASES PENDING AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2002

#### TRIBAL COURT: (24)

12 CIVIL

08 DOMESTIC RELATIONS

04 TRAFFIC

#### CASES PENDING AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2002

#### $\frac{\text{TRIBAL COURT:}}{\text{(20)}}$

08 CIVIL

06 DOMESTIC RELATIONS

01 JUVENILE

05 TRAFFIC

#### **COURT SESSIONS:**

#### TRIBAL COURT: OCTOBER

One regular session was conducted on **October 8**, **2002**, at which time **20** matters were scheduled to be heard:

(07) CIVIL

(05) DOMESTIC RELATIONS

(03) TRAFFIC

(03) JUVENILE

(02) CRIMINAL

Two jury trials were scheduled to be heard on **October 14**, **2002**; one matter was settled prior trial and a guilty plea was entered in the other proceeding. Both jury trials were cancelled.

#### TRIBAL COURT: NOVEMBER

One regular session was held on **November 19**, **2002**, at which time **22** matters were scheduled to be heard:

(03) CIVIL

(04) DOMESTIC RELATIONS

(04) TRAFFIC

(07) JUVENILE

(04) CRIMINAL

One special session was conducted on **November 6**, **2002**, at which time one juvenile matter was heard.

#### NEXT REGULAR SESSION:

Our next regular session is scheduled for December 17, 2002, with open sessions beginning at **10:00 a.m.** 

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at  $(337)\,923-7806$ ; or come by anytime. We are located at 343 Navarro St., Chitimacha Reservation; and our regular office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.-Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

#### News from the Chitimacha Police Department Ronald Vidallia, Chief of Police

#### October 2002

uring the month of October–six for speeding, two for operating a vehicle without a drivers license, and one each for improper lane usage, driving a vehicle with a suspended drivers license, expired inspection sticker, careless driving, running a stop sign, exhibition driving, no inspection sticker on vehicle, and operating a vehicle with an un-secure load leading to an accident.

The following arrests were logged for the month of October–two subjects arrested for trespassing, one subject arrested for theft, one subject arrested on outstanding warrants for failure to appear on the charge of criminal neglect of family, one subject arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and outstanding warrants for failure to appear on charges of unauthorized use of a movable, resisting an officer, failure to maintain control, failure to report an accident, and criminal neglect of family, and one subject arrested for driving while intoxicated.

As national concern over the number of reported anthrax cases grows, investigators search for answers. From New York and New Jersey to Washington, D.C. to Florida, officials want to know the origin of "suspicious letters" that have tested positive for anthrax. From coast to coast Americans are wondering "Could it happen to me?"

#### **ANTHRAX**

#### DO NOT PANIC

- 1. Anthrax organisms can cause infection in the skin, gastrointestinal system, or the lungs. To do so the organism must be rubbed into the skin or inhaled as a fine mist. Disease can be prevented after exposure to anthrax by early treatment with appropriate antibiotics. *ANTHRAX IS NOT SPREAD FROM ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER*.
- 2. For anthrax to be effective it must be aerosolized into small particles. This is difficult to do and requires a great deal of specialized equipment. If these particles are inhaled, life-threatening lung infection can occur, but prompt recognition and treatment are effective.

#### SUSPICIOUS UNOPENED LETTERS OR PACKAGES

- 1. Do not shake or empty the contents of any suspicious envelope or package.
- 2. Place the envelope or package in a plastic bag or some other type of container to prevent leakage.
- 3. If you do not have a container, then cover the envelope with anything such as clothing, paper, or trash can. **DO NOT REMOVE THIS COVER.**
- 4. Leave the room and close the door and secure the area to prevent others from entering.
- 5. Wash your hands with soap and water to prevent spreading powder to your face.
- 6. If you are at home, call your local police. If your are at work, call your local police and notify your supervisor.
- 7. List all the people who were in the room or area when this suspicious letter or package was noticed. Give list to police and health officials.

#### ENVELOPE WITH POWDER AND POWDER SPILLS ON SURFACE

- DO NOT try to CLEAN UP the powder. COVER the spilled contents immediately with anything and DO NOT REMOVE THIS COVER.
- 2. **LEAVE** the room and **CLOSE** the door and secure the area to prevent others from entering.
- 3. Wash your hands with soap and water to prevent spreading powder to your face.
- If you are at home, call your local police. If you are at work, call your local police and notify your supervisor.
- 5. **REMOVE** contaminated clothing as soon as possible and place in plastic bag. This bag should be given to emergency personnel.
- 6. **SHOWER** with soap and water as soon as possible. **DO NOT** use bleach or other disinfectant on your skin.
- 7. If possible, list all the people who were in the room or area *ESPECIALLY* those who had actual contact with the powder. Give the list to both, health authorities so that proper instructions can be given for medical follow-up and to law enforcement officials for further investigation.

#### AIR SYSTEMS: IS THERE IS A QUESTION OF ROOM CONTAMINATION

- 1. **TURN OFF** fans or ventilation units in the area.
- 2. Leave immediately.
- 3. *CLOSE* the door and secure the area to prevent others from entering.
- 4. *SHUT DOWN* air handling system in the building, if possible.

#### HOW TO IDENTIFY SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES AND LETTERS

Some characteristics of suspicious packages and letters include the following:

- Excessive postage
- Handwritten or poorly typed addresses
- Incorrect titles
- Title, but no name
- Misspelling of common words
- Oily stains, discolorations or odor
- No return address
- Excessive weight
- Lopsided or uneven envelope
- Protruding wires or aluminum foil
- Excessive security material such as masking tape, string, etc.
- Visual distraction
- Ticking sound
- Marked with restrictive endorsements, such as "Personal" or "Confidential"
- Shows a city or state in the postmark that does not match return address

More than 300 reports of possible anthrax attacks have been reported to the Louisiana State Department of Health and Hospitals following the September 11 terrorist attacks. The Department of Health and Hospitals reports that to

## Chitimacha Fire Protection Rick Cook, Fire Chief

#### News for September 2002

Welcome to the new employees at the department. The members are Travis Meyerholtz and Earl Tyler. Congratulations and we look forward to working with both of you.

#### Training:

Training held at the department during this month was one Live Burn on Flattown Road. This house was donated for the department to burn and use as training. It was very informative and other fire departments in the area participated.

There was also a class held on Vehicle Extrication. The vehicle was donated to the department as well. This training is very useful should there be an accident where a person is trapped, our members have the skills to extricate that person out of the vehicle.

On Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, members from our area will be traveling to Baton Rouge at LSU for training on Quick Attack. This training is performed every 3 months and helps to keep all members refreshed on fighting fires.

#### **Hurricane Preparedness:**

During the time our area was threatened with Tropical Storm Isidore, the department was prepared. Preparations were made and members attended meetings to plan our strategy. Several members were on standby all night should there have been a need for any help. We are glad that our area was not hit with this storm nor any other. At this time we are continuing to monitor the tropics and will do so as needed.

#### Calls for August 2002:

R	Charenton Area	
Medical	13 (10-Casino)	4
Fire	1	0
Haz Mat	1	0
Other	9	0
Mutual Aid	6	
<b>Total Calls</b>	34	

Other calls include(fire drill, vehicle accidents, standbys, etc). Mutual Aid calls were 2 to Four Corners, 2 to Baldwin and 2 to Franklin.

#### Chitimacha Fire Protection Rick Cook, Fire Chief

#### News for October 2002

October was a busy month due to the hurricane, flow testing, color coding fire hydrants, and conducting fire prevention activities at the educational facilities throughout the Tribal and Charenton areas.

On Wednesday October 2, 2002 prior to the landfall of Hurricane Lili, all employees attended a meeting to discuss duties, responsibilities, accountability, and to re-visit the hurricane standard operating procedures. All CFP employees were called to active status to man the station prior to, during, and after the storm's passing.

The First Call Emergency System was utilized for the first time since it was implemented back in July of 2002. Due to the storm being upgraded to a category 4, the Tribal Chairman ordered the Tribal School to be opened as a shelter. This system proved to play an important role in notifying residence of the shelter being opened.

Once the storm had passed, all employees were out in the district with chain saws clearing the road ways of fallen trees and marking down power lines with barrier tape.

Our department assisted the Casino in filling three 7,500-gallon tanks to be utilized for an emergency or if in the event the water supply were inoperable for a period of time.

Our department assisted the St. Mary Parish Law Enforcement Center in Centerville La. by supplying them with a 2000-gallon portable drop tank and transporting 2 loads of water. Our department also responded to Cypremort Point area to assist in a structure fire that was started due to a generator being used.

As you can see our department, as always was prepared to assist in all ways possible.

#### **Other Departmental Activities:**

#### **Training Conducted:**

Drivers training and Patient Assessment conducted by VFIS

#### **Upcoming Training:**

Fire Extinguisher Class

During October, our department responded to a total of 33 calls.

With the holidays upon us at this time, I would like to remind everyone to be safe during the holiday season. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact us at (337) 923-4326.

# Human Services News Karen Matthews, Social Services Director Amy Simon, Human Services Specialist

Waxtuygi! (Hello) The Human Services Department wishes to announce plans are being formulated to host, in conjunction with a General Meeting, a concert featuring "LITEFOOT" in February 2003. "LITEFOOT" is a Native American Actor and Rap Artist. He has eight albums, three Native American Music Awards. 2002 Native American Music Awards Nominee. brand-new CD "The Messenger," nearly 1,000 appearances in Indian Country. appeared in The Indian in the Cupboard, Mortal Kombat Annihilation, Kull The Conqueror, The Song of Hiawatha, The Pearl, Adaptation, Family Law and Any Day Now. "LITEFOOT" high energy concert performances promotes alcohol/drug prevention, self-esteem, cultural pride, education, healthy lifestyles and anti-gang involvement. This concert will be entertaining for both children, youth, parents and adults.

The Human Services Department participated in the Chitimacha Health Clinic's Health Fair held on November 21, 2002. We were able to distribute valuable parenting information and inform Tribal Members of available resources in the area. Children attending the Health Fair were encouraged to attend the 'Boys and Girls' Groups' which are held weekly and open for participation of males and females enrolled in grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>. Groups are held on Tuesday (s) at 4:00 p.m., for girls. For more information regarding these groups, please contact the Human Services Department at 923-7000.

We hope that everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving Holiday and will have an extra special Christmas this year. Until next year. Instead of writing a long list of New Years resolutions, choose three. Then work hard to keep them.

#### CHILD SEARCH

If you know of any handicapped individuals between the ages of birth to 21 years of age who are not receiving educational services, contact Lee Ann LeBlanc, Special Education Teacher or Tanya Rosamond, Principal at the Chitimacha Tribal School, 337-923-9960.

#### WHAT IS A GOOD REASON TO CALL?

A child may have:

- -a very low birth weight
- -a genetic condition
- -dropped out of school

A child may have trouble:

- -talking
- -seeing
- -hearing
- -moving
- -thinking

#### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

With the consent of the parent(s)/legal guardian, the Tribal School system will arrange for a complete evaluation. If the individual is handicapped and in need of special services, the parent(s)/legal guardian and the local school system personnel will make decisions together, taking into account the age and needs of the individual in order to provide a free, appropriate education of Native Americans.

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWS:

By: Ardith Soprano, Continuing Education Director

#### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Once a student has been approved to receive funding through the Student Aid Program, that student is required to provide the following documents by the specified deadline:

Tuition receipt - within 10 days of payment
Class schedule - within 10 days of the beginning of
the term
Book receipts - as soon as possible
SAR - once per calendar year
Grade report - at the end of each term

Students failing to provide the required documents by the specified deadlines may be declared ineligible.

#### **COMMITTEE STANCE:**

The Student Aid Committee has had to deal with many sensitive issues. They have had to deal with situations whereby our students have taken funds for attending school, but did not attend classes. They have had to deal with students falsifying records. They have had students who have received refunds from the school but did not turn these refunds over to our program. In each case, the Committee has dealt fairly but firmly with these students.

The Committee is taking a firm stand on any instance where our students seem to be abusing our program. Because our program is growing so rapidly, we have had to implement cost saving measures that effect all of you. The Committee feels that students who abuse the program are "cheating" all of you. It is the Committee's intent to cut down on the program abuses that we have had so that the dollars that we do have in our program will be better used to fund our serious students.

**So? WARNING!** If you are not serious about getting an education, please do not tie up funds that could be used by your fellow Tribal Members who are serious!!!

#### **COMMUNITY PAYBACK OPPORTUNITY!**

The following is a list of proposed activities for the upcoming months. If you are interested in participating in the proposed activities, please make sure to schedule your hours with Ms. Debbie @ 337-923-4973 extension 3026. If she is not available

please leave a message on her voice mail and she will get back to you.

- 1. Christmas Program We are trying to get something together for the holidays. We need the participation from our students in order to make it a success. We are planning to start on Friday, December 13, and have overnight planning and working sessions and continue on the Saturday, December 14 thru Sunday the 15th. Please let me know if you are able to attend.
- January Activities include the Quarterly General Council Meeting – Saturday January 25, 2003.
- 3. Mardi Gras Carnival –March 1, 2003, I will need students to work the gate area. This will be a very easy way to make your hours.

Please remember in order to make our program a success we need the participation from our students. This is your time to prove to the community and to the administration our dedication and commitment to make our program a success. So just give us a call @ 3 3 7 - 9 2 3 - 2 4 6 3 or e mail us at <a href="mailto:debdarden@chitimacha.gov">debdarden@chitimacha.gov</a> and let us know if you plan on participating in any of these events.

Also, please remember to wear your blue T-shirt for any group activity. Our blue shirts define us as an organization and should only be worn when you are participating in these types of activities.

REMEMBER, THE BLUE SCHOLARSHIP T-SHIRTS ARE ONLY TO BE WORN WHEN PARTICIPATING IN SCHOLARSHIP EVENTS...THEY ARE NOT TO BE WORN FOR EVERYDAY USE!!

If you call to schedule hours, remember ....if you sign up you must show up!

#### CERTIFIED MAIL

Because of the importance of some of our correspondence, I must send a lot of our correspondence certified. There seems to be a problem with some of you picking up your certified mail. Please know that if a certified letter is returned as "unclaimed", then you are held accountable for what ever is contained in that letter. So please pick up your mail.

# COMMUNITY PAY BACK PROGRAM UPDATE:

We have just begun our new budget year. In our 2003 budget, the Tribal Council has given us their vote of confidence. They have allocated a large amount of money toward our Community Pay Back program. They believe that we will do wonderful things this year and are willing to afford us the opportunity and the funds needed to do the things we think will draw our community members closer together.

By the Council supporting our efforts and funding our programs, a great responsibility is now upon us to justify their faith in us. We must make every effort to fulfill all of our obligations to the program and to invest our time and energy in participating in our Community based activities.

If you had attended the Community Pay Back conference which was held this past summer, you already know what direction we are planning to take with our program. If you did not attend, then you may want to call the office to speak to Ms. Debbie or me to find out what our program has to offer to you and how you can get involved.

So... it is now time for us to get to work! If we do not show the Council that we, as an organized group, are capable of making a difference in our Community and that we are not serious about the continued growth and development of our program, they may not be so willing to fund our future efforts. Therefore, make this program "yours" by getting involved!!!

#### **ENROLLMENT NEWS:**

By: Ardith Soprano, Enrollment Officer

**ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS:** Applications for Enrollment can be obtained by calling the Enrollment Office at (337) 923-2463 or by writing:

Chitimacha Enrollment P.O. Box 661 Charenton, LA 70523

Each application must include a certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate plus documentation

establishing that the applicant is a direct descendant of person(s) listed on the 1926 Annuity Roll and/or the 1959 Census Roll.

CHANGE OF INFORMATION: Please remember to notify the Enrollment Office of any changes in your address, phone number, or name. It is always a problem to keep our phone and mailing lists current. So, if you have any changes that need to be reported, please send them to the Enrollment Office at the above address.

If you have had a name change, please provide legal documentation of such along with a copy of your new Social Security Card showing your new name.

ARE YOU PREGNANT??? Are you or someone in your family pregnant? If so, please remember that your new child must be officially enrolled into the Tribe. You must notify us of the birth of your child. If you do not let us know, then we cannot assist you in the enrollment process.

So call or write to us with any questions that you may have about enrolling your child.

**BIRTHS:** It is important that we enroll all of our newborns. Sometimes we tend to forget that paperwork needs to be done in order to officially enroll our babies in the Tribe. So, if you or someone in your family is pregnant or has recently had a baby, please notify this office to begin the enrollment process. We cannot enroll your child if we do not have the required paperwork.

<u>**DEATHS:**</u> If you have recently lost a loved one, please notify the Enrollment Office. It is necessary to obtain a copy of the death certificate in order for us to adjust our Enrollment records.

**DNA TESTING:** As you may know, DNA testing is now required for applicants who are claiming eligibility through their Chitimacha Father. What you may not know is that we have selected a DNA testing company to conduct all of our required DNA tests. They have collection sites throughout the country and are able to assist all of our Tribal Members with their tests.

You do not have to utilize our testing company if you would like to make arrangements elsewhere. However, if we are to cover the cost of the tests, you must coordinate the testing through this office and have them conducted by our company.

Also, if you have to have a DNA test conducted, we ask that you utilize our Health Clinic as your collection site. This helps us save the collection fees which can be very expensive.

**END OF THE YEAR:.** It is now December! Can you believe it? The Holiday Season comes with the realization that the end of the year is "knocking at the door". This brings to mind that we must keep certain dates in our minds when it comes to enrolling our newborns.

If your child was born before January 1, 2002; in order for your child to participate in the 2002 Per Capita Distribution, he or she must be enrolled by December 31, 2002. So if you have not yet completed the enrollment of your child, please come by the office so that we can help you get this done.

If your child was born on or after January 1, 2002; he or she must have their enrollment application on file in this office by the close of business on the first working day of the new year. Only "2002" newborns whose applications are filed by the deadline above(1<sup>st</sup> working day of 2003) will have until March 31<sup>st</sup> to complete the enrollment process. So, "New Parents", please contact this office upon the birth of your child so that we can get him/her enrolled.

If you have any questions about enrolling your child, please feel free to come by or call the office.



#### NOTICES! NOTICES! NOTICES!

#### CHITIMACHA GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2003

@ 2:00 P.M.

#### CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL GYM

#### CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

#### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY NOTICE

There will be an <u>early release</u> on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m.

School will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from December 21<sup>st</sup> through January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Students are to return to school on Monday, January 6.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

#### CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL NOTICE

Please join the students of the Chitimacha Tribal School for their annual Christmas Program on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Chitimacha Tribal School gym!

#### September 2-20

Chitimacha Tribal School's second graders are getting into the groove of things. They have been busy reading interesting stories from their new reading books. Our reading theme this month is titled "Being Me". In this unit we will learn how people discover new things about themselves through experiences and relationships. They find that differences among people make each person special.

In Math we are reviewing our addition and subtraction facts to 18. Every morning we work on our Every Day Counts Math program, which really prepares us for our Math lessons. This involves lots of hands on experiences.

In Social Studies we will explore different landscapes and the ways in which people have adapted to and changed their surroundings. We will collect photos of different landforms and use as a guide to create our own landform. We will look at the ways food is produced, how it is transported, and how it is marketed. We will identify precious resources and learn about the importance of protecting our land and resources.

Ms. Beth's third grader's are off to a great start! They began the year learning new routines and brushing up on their cursive writing. Students created dioramas of their favorite animal and it's habitat. Parents who attended Open House enjoyed these Science displays, as well as the Jelly Bean bar graphs done in Math class, and the "where on Earth Am I?" diagrams made by the students in Social Studies class. In Social Studies, the children have learned about their city, state, country, continent, and the hemisphere in which they live. Cody Beck, Nicholas Boudreaux, Grant Darden, Taylor Darden, Kole Fluke, Sherry Higgins, Nathaniel Menard, and Karli Mensman are all doing a wonderful job reading books and taking tests on the computer using the Accelerated Reading Program. The librarian, Ms. Denise Hodge, has been so helpful in working with the students in selecting books on their appropriate reading level. These third graders are teaching Ms. Beth how to pronounce words they've learned in their Chitimacha language class with Ms. Sam Caro. Ms. Tammy LaGarde works with Ms. Beth in assisting students with writing assignments and various other activities. Congratulations Karli Mensman for being the third grade Star of the Week!!

Ms. Tori's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class is discussing National Symbols in honor of American Character Week. They analyzed each line of the Pledge of Allegiance to understand what each pledge stands for. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders are also looking closely at National Symbols such as Washington Monument, Statue of Liberty, Liberty Bell, and other American symbols. In addition to National symbols, students will also recognize important symbols and aspects of the Chitimacha Tribe, such as the snake painted on Chitimacha warriors and the importance of canoes in Chitimacha culture.

During American Character Week, our students participated in many different activities. On September 11, our school had our annual "Prayer around the Flagpole" with Brother Bobby Hodnitt officiating. Nathaniel LeBlanc recited a poem that he had written to help him understand this tragedy. Hannah LaGarde led everyone in the Chitimacha Pledge, and Maggie Darden led everyone in the National Pledge of Allegiance. This year we kept the victims and families of the attacks in our hearts and prayers during this ceremony. Many community members attended this special occasion.

On September 11th, Mrs. Nola "Toc" Darden and Ms. Pat Vilcan prepared a delicious meal in honor of our local heroes, the Chitimacha Police Department, the Chitimacha Fire Department, and the Chitimacha Health Clinic. We were so happy to see everyone that attended. We do appreciate everything that you do. Many 4-H members baked delicious treats for our local heroes throughout the week to show their appreciation. Great job 4-H!! On Friday, all of our students participated in the first annual "American Character Week Fun Run". Money raised was donated by our students to give to the American Red Cross, Acadiana Chapter. We raised a total of \$81.00! Thanks to everyone who participated and donated to this cause. This shows the good character within our community and within our school. We would also like to thank Mr. Toby Darden, Mrs. Ashley Hebert, Ms. Christina Touchet, Mrs. Brandi Mensman, and Mrs. Tammy LaGarde for also participating in the "Fun Run."

Grandparents from around the community came and enjoyed cookies and a story with their grandchildren on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>. They had a wonderful time reading and talking together. Thanks to all the

grandparents that attended. You are very special to our students and to us.

#### September 23-27

Ms. Quincie's Kindergarteners at Chitimacha Tribal School are busy little bees this week! Tuesday they will be attending Jurassic Journey in New Iberia to learn about the dinosaurs of long ago! Jurassic Journey offers a once in a lifetime opportunity for students who might not be able to visit a museum or see a dinosaur exhibit up close in any other way.

The Kindergarteners, along with the first and second graders, will be learning about the Bayou Teche and its significance to the Chitimacha Tribe. Some of the many things they will be covering are the Bayou Teche as a food source, a source for transportation, and the legend that makes the Bayou one of the most unique waterways in our state!

Ms. Keeri's 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be reading about the baseball legend Roberto Clemente and other people who have succeeded by helping one another. In science, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade "scientists" have been observing crystals grow for about 2 weeks. They made them themselves while studying about minerals of the Earth's crust. Now, they are learning about rocks and soil. It's interesting to see the different types of rocks found on earth and to see how rocks are involved in the rock cycle. They are always changing from one type of rock to another.

Congratulations to Matthan Stouff for being 5<sup>h</sup> grade Star of the Week and to Tommie Poirrier for being Kindergarten's Star of the Week. Way to go!!

Ms. Keeri and Ms. Michelle would like to thank everyone in the Garden Club who helped us pull weeds in the flowerbeds around the school last week. It looks great again.

#### October 14-18

Ms. Beth's third grade class has been learning about the sugarcane industry and about it's importance to South Louisiana. The students labeled a diagram of a stalk of sugarcane and completed a flow chart indicating the process by which sugar is made. Students were able to

relate to the affects that bad weather has on the success of a crop. They identified the various forms of sugar and even got to taste them! A writing assignment was incorporated with the sugarcane unit whereby the students wrote recipes of their own containing sugar. On Friday, the third graders made a sweet treat in class.

Friday marked the end of the first nine weeks for CTS, and Ms. Beth is really proud of her students' efforts with the Accelerated Reading program. Each student had individual goals and the following students reached 100%: Cody Beck, Grant Darden, and Kole Fluke. Karli Mensman reached 200% of her goal! The students are looking forward to the Renaissance Pep Rally this week, where the theme is "Rockin' and Rollin' in the 50's". Congratulations to the third grade Star of the Week, Grant Darden!

Mrs. Mary Broussard's 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will soon be starting the following projects for the next nine weeks: Comparing and Contrasting major world religions, Famous American Women, and Louisiana governors.

Ms. Mary would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students and staff at Chitimacha Tribal School for all of their help during the past weeks of her injury. "I could not have done it without each of you. My life has become more enriched and blessed by everyone." We are glad that Ms. Mary is recovering. She is one dedicated teacher!! We are lucky to have her.

Last Friday, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students received their rings at their Ring Ceremony. The celebration was very nice. The students were very excited to 'show off' their rings to the 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders. Thank you to all that attended.

This Friday, our students will celebrate the end of the first nine weeks with our "Rockin' and Rollin' in the 50's" Renaissance Pep Rally. Our students have really been working hard since the school year has started. This is our time to honor them. We are proud of all of you.

Our annual Halloween Carnival will be held on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 in our school gym. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a variety of booths such as the football toss, duck pond, basketball throw, cakewalk, lollipop pull, face painting, sponge throw, hayride, and a haunted house for everyone to enjoy. Cotton Candy and a variety of foods will be sold at the food booth. Please come and have a 'spooky time' with us. Tickets will be available to purchase beginning on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### October 28 - November 1

Ms. Keeri's 5<sup>th</sup> graders are busy doing Accelerated Math. We have been adding and subtracting whole numbers and decimals and money expressions. We've also been rounding whole numbers and decimals.

We are in the middle of reading <u>Island of the Blue Dolphins</u> for our story this week. This story has enabled us to learn all kinds of new vocabulary words and see how other Native Americans lived long ago.

We've also been learning about many different explorers who came to North America from other countries. Each one of us will create a data disk on our favorite explorer.

We are really excited about our pen pals from Columbus, Ohio who are interested in learning about our culture. Our letters to them go great with our informative writing lessons for the next few weeks.

Fifth grade's Star of the Week is Derek Brown. Derek is proud of himself for having good conduct grades and trying hard. Congratulations Derek!!

Ms. Quincie's kindergarteners really showed their "pumpkin pizzazz" this past week. Each child made their very own pumpkin book which they gave details pertaining to their pumpkin (height, weight, etc.). After pumpkin week was all said and done, what better way to close the week but to decorate them! Parents, students, and friends donated their time to give a hand to the "crazy creations".

This week, kindergarteners along with Ms. Phyllis' first and Ms. Debbie's second graders are learning all about bats! Some are very surprised to learn that bats can actually help us and not hurt us! Bat week will have these students going "batty" before long!

Our Halloween Carnival was a big success! We at CTS

would like to thank everyone that attended the carnival. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the kid's costumes were great! One of our biggest hits was the haunted house put on by our eighth graders. People of all ages seemed to get a scare out of the haunted house. Thanks again to everyone that attended and a 'big thanks' to all who helped to make it a big success!

#### November 11-15

Ms. Debbie's 2<sup>nd</sup> graders reading theme is Imagine That! We will learn how imagination and creativity help people solve problems and express ideas. We will discover that if you have an active imagination, anything can happen!

Second graders are really busy reading AR books. They are working on charms for their bracelets. They are also reading for free pizza. We are participating in the Pizza Hut Book- It program. In Math we are identifying the value of a group of coins. We are comparing money amounts. We are also learning how to give back change. In our Math-Every Day Counts we have been pretending we are shopping. One person is the cashier and another is the customer. This has helped us with counting money and giving back change.

In Social Studies we are studying about the past. We will compare ways in which early inhabitants adapted themselves to their environment. We will learn about the individuals who have contributed to our country and have made a difference in people's lives. We will begin to understand that our country may have many diverse citizens but we still can share a common history. We will be making timelines of our own lives.

Nata Sedatol is the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Star of the Week! His favorite thing about school is Math. Something that he likes about himself is that he is nice. Nata's goal for the future is to be a big boat driver. Congratulations Nata!

Ms. Mary's 6<sup>th</sup> grade Star of the Week is Erica Perez. Erica would like to be a professional basketball player when she gets older. Her favorite thing about school is Accelerated Math.

Ms. Mary's 8<sup>th</sup> graders have started an in depth Native American Culture Unit. Students are researching different Native American Tribes. Students will also compare and contrast the Native American Tribes and the Chitimacha Tribe for similarities and differences.

The 7<sup>th</sup> graders prepared for Veterans Day by writing essays and have been researching branches of the military. The students that read their essays at the ceremony were Celeste Benoit, Scottie Darden, and Hannah LaGarde. They did a great job!

The Veterans Day Ceremony was held Monday, November 11 in the Chitimacha Tribal School gym. Several veterans attended and were honored by the students and community. The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders led everyone in the Chitimacha Pledge said in Chitimacha, and the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders sang "America the Beautiful" at the beginning of the ceremony. They all did a wonderful job. West St. Mary High School's ROTC Color Guards, supervised by Lt. Colonel Johnson, posted the colors for our ceremony. They did a fine job. We would like to thank them for attending and participating in the ceremony. Chairman Alton LeBlanc, a Vietnam veteran, was the guest speaker for the ceremony. The veterans were presented gifts from the Culture Department and the 4th graders sang, "God Bless the USA" at the end of the ceremony. They did such a fine job that they brought tears to some people's eyes.

Brother Bobby Hodnett closed the ceremony with a prayer and a blessing for the meal that followed. The Casino served everyone the delicious meal prepared by our cafeteria ladies, Ms. Toc and Ms. Pat. Everything was delicious, including the cake provided by the Casino. Thanks to everyone who helped and participated in the ceremony. Our veterans are special and it's important to honor them on this day of remembrance.

#### November 18-22

Chitimacha Tribal School hosted their first Parent Workshop last Tuesday, November 12, 2002. Teachers teamed up to present different workshops for the parents to attend. These workshops offered information about programs such as Accelerated Math, Accelerated Reading, Everyday Math Counts, Technology, Culture, Special Education and other things that their children are exposed to everyday in school. Babysitters were provided for small children so that more parents could attend. After the workshops, gumbo was served for everyone. It really was a big success for all involved. Thanks to everyone that contributed and attended.

Ms. Beth's 3rd graders at Chitimacha have been busy

learning new and exciting things and are gearing up for the Thanksgiving holidays. In Social Studies, the students have discovered how the Amish live a lifestyle much different from their own, and how they work together within their communities. Learning about products and services that are necessary in order to meet our basic needs, the children learned that the Amish meet the majority of their own needs, and depend on the outside world for very little.

Beginning this week, the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will begin the first of a two-week unit on their Native American culture. With the Thanksgiving holidays just a week away, and with November having been designated "American Indian Heritage Month", the students will discover how their ancestors also worked together to meet their basic needs. Ms. Beth has chosen the theme, "Holidays, Customs, and Traditions" and will place an emphasis on the main food harvested and eaten by the Native Americans- corn. Students will explore the many uses for corn and how all parts of the corn plant were used. In the week of this Native American unit, which will focus on holiday celebrations as well as other traditions, and customs of the Native American people.

Ms. Beth would like to thank the parents who attended the Parent Workshop and the Parent-Teacher conferences last Thursday and Friday. Congratulations to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Star of the Week, Sherry Higgins.

#### December 2-6

Ms. Monique's 8<sup>th</sup> graders wrapped up a unit on the solar system. Did you know our sun is so big that 1.3 million Earth's could fit inside it?! In Math we're working on lest common denominator and greatest common factor. The Accelerated Math Program is helping us to master these skills.

Seventh graders are studying weather. We're learning about relative humidity, dew point, and cloud formation. In Math,  $6^{th}$  and  $7^{th}$  graders are working on fractions- adding, subtracting, and multiplying.

Ms. Tori's fourth graders are reading different legends from Native American tribes in the United States. The students are really enjoying the legends and trying to figure out the lesson to be learned from them. Before the Thanksgiving holidays, the fourth graders put on a puppet show to wrap up their unit on Charlotte's Web. They put on a stick- puppet show for the Kindergarteners and several members of the staff.

# CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL DAILY MENU SCHEDULE DECEMBER, 2002

MONDAY	THECDAY	WEDNIECDAY	THIDODAY	EDIDAY
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
December 2, 2002	December 3, 2002	December 4, 2002	December 5, 2002	December 6, 2002
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Cereal, Juice, Milk	Oatmeal, Toast, Juice,	Waffles, Sausage,	Donuts, Cheese Sticks,	Biscuit, Sausage, Juice,
Lunch	Milk	Juice, Milk	Juice, Milk	Milk
Chicken Nuggets,	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Creamed Potatoes,	Chili, Crackers, Salad,	Chicken Gumbo, Potato	Hamburgers, Lettuce,	Jambalaya, Egg Salad,
Salad, Fruit, Milk	Fruit, Milk	Salad, Fruit, Roll, Milk	Tomatoes, Fruit, Milk	Fruit, Roll, Milk
December 9, 2002	December 10, 2002	December 11, 2002	December 12, 2002	December 13, 2002
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Cereal, Juice, Milk	Grits, Eggs, Juice, Milk	Cheese Toast, Juice,	Danish, Juice, Milk	Biscuit, Sausage, Juice,
Lunch	Lunch	Milk	Lunch	Milk
Vegetable Soup,	Meatball Spaghetti,	Lunch	Fried Fish, Buttered	Lunch
Crackers, Fruit, Milk	Sweet Peas, Fruit, Roll,	Round Steak, Rice &	Potatoes, Fruit, Sliced	Chicken Fettucine,
	Milk	Gravy, Black Eye Peas,	Bread, Milk	Salad, Fruit, Roll, Milk
		Fruit, Roll, Milk		
December 16, 2002	December 17, 2002	<b>December 18, 2002</b>	December 19, 2002	December 20, 2002
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Cereal, Juice, Milk	Eggs, Sliced Bread,	Pancakes, Juice, Milk	Blueberry Muffins, Juice,	Biscuit, Sausage, Juice,
Lunch	Juice, Milk	Lunch	Milk	Milk
Pork Chops, Macaroni	Lunch	Grilled Sausage, Baked	Lunch	Lunch
& Cheese, Salad, Fruit,	Turkey, Rice Dressing,	Beans, Fruit, Sliced	Shrimp Etouffee, Salad,	Surprise! Fruit, Salad,
Roll, Milk	Yams, Fruit, Roll, Milk	Bread, Milk	Fruit, Roll, Milk	Milk
<b>December 23, 2002</b>	<b>December 24, 2002</b>	<b>December 25, 2002</b>	December 26, 2002	December 27, 2002
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
December 30, 2002	December 31, 2002	January 1, 2003	January 2, 2003	January 3, 2003
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# **DECEMBER CALENDAR**

December 12th - CTS Christmas Play @ 6:00 p.m.

December 20th - Early Release 1:00 p.m.; end of 2nd nine weeks

December 21st through January 5th - Christmas Holidays

January 6th - Return to School



On Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, we had a special visitor at Yaamahana from the land of Fairy Tales. Red Riding Hood came equipped with her basket full of goodies and her duster to read her own special story to the children. Luckily, she left that big bad wolf behind!

Yaamahana had some visitors from the Culture Department on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. In commemoration of American Indian Day, Kim Walden, Carolyn Savage, and Sam Caro prepared Indian fry bread with the 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. After the children finished pulling the bread, Kim Walden told the Chitimacha Origin Legend. The children drew pictures depicting their favorite parts of the legend. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed delicious fry bread for a mid-morning snack.

Earlier in the month, the 2, 3, and 4-year-olds were accompanied by parents and staff to Durel's Pet Shop in Lafayette. Durel's had an excellent presentation that enabled the children to see and touch a variety of pets. After the visit to the pet store, the children enjoyed recreation time and lunch at Chuck E Cheese. During the week following the field trip, the children learned about pets in their classrooms.

Stephanie Baudoin, our 3-year-old Assistant Provider made a wonderful life-size dog house from cardboard boxes, duct tape and a little paint. The dog house enhanced the children's learning experiences about pets as they dramatized caring for a pet.

The children at Yaamahana love books and the staff knows the importance of reading to the children daily. Reading to children helps to build literacy skills. We try to involve the children in different reading opportunities. In the month of November, Candace Melara, Johnny Burgess, and Pat Mora came to the center to read to the children. The Chitimacha Tribal School's Volunteer Reading Club visited the center on two Wednesday afternoons to read to the children. After the last visit, one of the school-age children commented, "I don't like reading regularly, but I like reading to the little kids." The "little kids" also enjoy the older children reading stories to them.

They are amazingly attentive when a school-age child reads a book. Each Tuesday morning at 9:00, the Pre-K visits the Tribal school library for story time with Denise Hodge. They enjoy great books, educational videos, and usually a delicious treat. Each Wednesday morning, the 3-year-olds and Pre-K visit the Baldwin Library for story hour. The librarians read books, sing songs, and involve the children in hands-on experiences related to the story. We hope all of these experiences help to create a life-long love of books in each child at Yaamahana.

# Clinic News By Madelyn M. Phelps December 2002

The Community Health Nursing Staff will provide transportation services as described in the following policy. I have instructed my staff to follow these guidelines as they deliver this service to you.

# **Community Health Nursing Services**

#### **Transportation Policy**

Approved by Chitimacha Tribal Council

Under the direction of the CHN (Community Health Nurse), two CHA's (Community Health Assistants) will furnish transportation to Community Members to healthcare appointments. CHN will transport <u>only</u> when client condition deems it medically necessary. Community members defined as Chitimacha Tribal Members and spouses.

#### **Transportation provided as follows:**

- 1. When a client is physically or mentally incapable of transporting him or herself.
- 2. When a client does not have adequate transportation.
- 3. When a family member is not available to provide transportation.
- 4. Request for transportation must be made 24 hours in advance.
- 5. Transport trips will be combined with other trips to the same area.
- 6. Clients may be required to leave early or stay late while other patients complete appointments.
- 7. Parents must accompany children under the age of 16. \* Exception made for established clients transported to Dr. Duay for orthodontic follow-up treatment plans.
- 8. Responsible adult (other than parent) accompanying child must be at least 18 years old & reside within the transportation delivery area..
- 9. Staff will drive health department vehicles or personal vehicle.
- 10. Staff is not allowed to drive clients vehicle.
- 11. No smoking allowed in vehicle.
- 12. Transportation provided for only healthcare related visits.
- 13. Stops for non-healthcare related shopping is not allowed.
- 14. Stops for meals allowed as necessary.
- 15. Transportation provided for client only; spouse may accompany client.
- 16. Individuals requesting to go along for a ride will not be allowed. \*Exception made when purpose is to assist client.
- 17. Family member or responsible adult must accompany mentally incapable patients to their appointments.
- 18. No Show Policy: After the second no-show, client transportation is suspended for 3 months. Example: "when clients are not available for appointment and no prior notice has been provided". \* Allowance will be made for elderly (age 65 or older), or mentally challenged individuals.

- 19. Standing appointments: (appointments that are on- going for a period of time). It is the clients' responsibility to call each week to request transportation.
- 20. Out of town appointments should be scheduled before 3:00 p.m.
- 21. Transportation is not provided on Friday to allow staff to fulfill home care & administrative duties. \* Some exceptions allowed dependent on medical need. 24-hour notification is required.
- 22. Seatbelts must be worn, and young children must be in a child restraint seat.
- 23. Clients are responsible for removal of trash that they generate.
- 24. Eligible clients must reside within a 10-mile radius of the Chitimacha Reservation to obtain transportation services.

#### **Clinic Physician Services:**

We are still searching for a full-time family practice physician for the clinic. We have some prospects but nothing final to report to you. I will keep you posted.

Dr. Schexnaildre is still working with us at the clinic until we locate a physician. We appreciate Dr. Schex for working with us during our time of need!

Physician services are available on Mondays & Thursdays, 8:30a.m. -4:30p.m. There are times when we must juggle the schedule & change the days, so please <u>call & schedule appointment</u> to assure doctor is available.

#### **Notification of CHS-I.H.S. Services: (services rendered outside clinic)**

When CHS eligible clients obtain services at facilities outside the clinic, please call Mildred to request purchase order "form" prior to appointment. Heloise will assist you if Mildred is not available. In emergency situations service must be reported within 72 hours. You may leave a message on Mildred's voice mail if service occurs "after" office hours. Call 337-923-9955, ext. 3004. Provide the name of person that received service; indicate "where" service was rendered & "date" of service. Denials will be issued for "unreported" services.

#### Dietician

Leslie Fontenot (clinic dietician) is no longer working at the clinic. Leslie provided nutritional counseling & worked with the Diabetes Team on our Diabetes Grant activities. It was a pleasure to work with Leslie & she will be missed!

#### **Pharmacy**

Please call your medication refill requests 5 days in advance. Call 337-923-9955, ext. 3017 to leave voice mail message for the pharmacist. Additionally, when visiting other physicians, visits to hospital emergency rooms or admissions to hospitals, **bring your medication with you**. Other physicians & hospital staff **need to know** about all medications that you are taking. You should also bring your medication to the clinic when visiting our doctor **if** you on medications prescribed by other physicians.

#### **Health Fair**

I want to thank everyone for attending our Health Fair last month! It was a pleasure to see you there! I appreciate all the departments that participated with us in bringing the health fair to you.



# **Employee of the Quarter**

Pictured at left (1 to r): Alton LeBlanc (Tribal Chairman), Jonathan Dugas (Employee of the Quarter Winner), and Anthony Darden (Public Works Director).

The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana is proud to announce Jonathan Dugas as the "**Employee of the Quarter**" Winner for the July - September 2002 Quarter.

Jonathan has worked for the Chitimacha Tribe for the past 3 years, working in the Public Works Department as a Public Works Supervisor. He is responsible for supervising all Land Management projects, all sewer lift stations, and all building maintenance. Jonathan is married to Rachel Vilcan Dugas. They reside in Charenton, on the Chitimacha Reservation. He loves to go fishing on his off time from work. Nominated for receiving the most "Paaxta Duskunkatsi Pinun" (Gold Star) Awards, and given to him by various co-workers

in acknowledgment of his hard work and being so helpful in doing such tasks as: electrical, A/C repair, or using his carpentry skills.



**Jonathan Dugas** 



**Natalie Rodriguez** 



**Julie Burgess** 

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#### Recreation News Billy & Jeri St. Blanc

Soccer was a big success again this year for ages 5-adult. Two teams were made in each division and games were played on Mondays and Wednesdays in the month of September. Thanks to **Theresa Lombardo**, **Kathy Sanders**, **Lonnie Martin and Jeff Jordan** for calling our games. Also thanks to the Maintenance Department for their help in keeping the Sports Complex clean! Special thanks to **Michelle Bobbitt** for managing our concession stand and **Chairman Al LeBlanc** for making that delicious chili that everyone raved about!

We tried something new this year – FLAG FOOTBALL! We had 2 youth teams, which consisted of boys and girls ages 9-13, and two adult teams, which were mostly men. The teams were highly competitive and games were played on Mondays and Wednesdays in October. It rained on two of the game days, but that didn't stop us! We look forward to more participation next year. Curt Cormier, Craig Pellerin and Coach Billy did a great job calling our games. Pictured are our youth blue and gold teams: (Kneeling) – Derek Brown, Maggie Darden, Ariel Marsh, Erica Perez, (standing) - Kegan Clements, Lauren Persilver, Devynn DePue, Lindsey Martin, Hannah LaGarde, and Nathaniel LeBlanc.



Jeri and Tammy attended a LAHPERD Conference in Lafayette on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. They learned some new activities and games that they are eager to share.

We participated in the annual Health Fair on November 21<sup>st</sup> in the gym. Thanks to everyone who visited our table and attempted the activity, scarf juggling. Winner of the black zippered bag was **Matthew Darden** for juggling the longest. Second place went to Brandi Mensman. **Congratulations Mrs. Brandi & Matt!** 

Volleyball was in full swing the month of November with nearly 70 participants. We decided to try a youth division this year and made two teams of 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. They made many improvements over the past few weeks and had a great time! In the women's division, we had enough participation to make four teams and they were pretty evenly



matched. The men's division had three teams and they are very competitive! Thanks to our referees, Theresa Lombardo and Kathy Sanders. Also thanks to Tanya Rosamond and the Chitimacha Tribal School for allowing us to use the gym. Pictured is our gray youth team: Kaston Fluke, Derek Brown, Lindsey Martin, Ariel Marsh, Nathaniel LeBlanc, and Erica Perez. Missing from photo, Kyle Hebert and Lauren Persilver. Black team: Ben Clements, Matt Darden, Devynn DePue, Maggie Darden, Hannah LaGarde, Celeste Benoit, Jordon Istre, Chay Guillory and Shelby Moneaux.

Cross Country season has come to an end. It began with practices in the second week of August. This year's team

consisted of: Adriana Bernard, Erica Perez, Hannah LaGarde, Lauren Persilver, Lindsey Martin, Maggie Darden, Heather Simoneaux, Ben Clements, Kaston Fluke, Matthew Darden and Nathaniel LeBlanc. They faithfully practiced 3-4 times a week and made many improvements in their times. We participated in the Morgan City Shrimp & Petroleum Festival's 5K Race (3 miles), ESA in Cade (2 miles), Franklin's Harvest Fest 5K, and Lafayette's Cajun Cup. Pictured are participants from Franklin's race and they include: Kered & Gabe Parro, Michelle & Spencer Bishop, Jennie Cormier, Robin & Erica Compton, Beth Rodriguez, Rhonda Johnson, Tammy LaGarde, Keeri Payton, and the Cross Country Team listed above. Many of them came home with medals in their age divisions, including Erica Compton for the youngest participant. Yeah Erica!!!



The Cajun Cup was another successful race for our team. Hannah LaGarde, Kered Parro, Rhonda & Ciera Johnson, Toby Darden and Jeri participated in the 6.2 miles. Robin & Erica Compton, Tammy LaGarde, Grant LaGarde, along with CC runners, Adriana, Erica, Lauren, Lindsey, Maggie, Ben, Kaston, Matthew & Nathaniel competed in the one-mile race. Despite the cold, windy day, our runners' times were great, with many of our participants bringing home medals. We were of our participants bringing home medals. We were presented with the Group Participation Award. WAY TO GO CHITIMACHA! Pictured are Chitimacha participants proudly displaying their medals and plaque.

Our team finished the season with one final race in



Our team finished the season with one final race in Mississippi during the Thanksgiving Holidays. We ran the Mississippi Coast 5K on Saturday, November 30. Despite the rain, our runners competed well with Adriana Bernard placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 13-18 year old division. Hannah LaGarde and Erica Perez placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>nd</sup> in the 12-under division with Maggie Darden taking a wrong turn in the race to finish on Erica's heels. Matt, Ben, and Kaston ran well also, coming in right behind the men's medallists. We must say goodbye to our eighth graders, Adriana Bernard (7<sup>th</sup> year), Kaston Fluke (3<sup>rd</sup> year), Ben Clements (1<sup>st</sup> year), and Matthew Darden (6<sup>th</sup> year). We hope to see you all in the spring for Track season!

December is **BASKETBALL REGISTRATION** month! December 2-12 will be the dates for tribal members and becefiber is **BASKETBALL REGISTRATION** month: December 2-12 will be the dates for troat members and employees to sign up. Non-Tribal participants may register December 9-12. Games will be played beginning January 6, on Mondays and Thursdays with some games on Wednesdays. Age divisions include: 6-7-8, 9-10, 11-13, High School – Up. We've included our annual calendar of events in this month's newsletter. Please post it on your refrigerator to avoid late registrations. You can call us at the beginning of each month to find out registration dates. The "Jingle Bell Bash" will be held at the Recreation Building on Thursday, December 19, from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Kindergarten through 8th grade is invited to attend this fun night.

If anyone has any questions regarding health, fitness or recreation, please call us at 923-4975 and we'll be glad to help.

# **Annual Calendar of Events**

The following is a list of activities, sports, registrations, etc. in the months we normally have them scheduled.

# Year round

Road Races/Walks

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	
Basketball	Iddy Biddy Basketball	Track & Field	
Chitimacha Challenge	Track & Field	Adult Softball Registration	
	Chitimacha Challenge	Chitimacha Challenge	
		CPR/First Aid Classes	
<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	
Adult Softball	Golf	Ice Cream Party	
Adult Coed Softball Tourn.	Youth Baseball/Softball Reg.	Swim Team	
Chitimacha Challenge	Swim Team & Lessons Reg.	Pool - Lifeguards	
Track	Chitimacha Challenge	Water Aerobics	
Pool Opens-"Polar Plunge"	Pool	Swimming Lessons	
LA Open Golf Tournament	Bike Ride/Picnic	Youth Baseball/Softball	
	Tribal Luau		
	Lifeguard Training		
<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	
Water Aerobics	Soccer Registration	Pass, Punt & Kick	
Pool – Lifeguards	School CPR/First Aid Class	Cross Country	
Canoe Races	Water Aerobics	Soccer	
Youth Center Activities	Skating Trip	Pool Closing - "Last Splash"	
Youth Self Defense Class	Adult Coed Softball Tourn.	Flag Football Registration	
<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	
Cross Country	Cross Country	Basketball Registration	
Volleyball Registration	Volleyball	"Jingle Bell Bash"	
CPR Safety Audits		Cross Country	
Flag Football		Bowling Trip	
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